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Cutting Out The Centre

Czauderna (Vic. goalie) goes up to intercept a centre from the N.S.W. right-wing in the Carnival game at Toorak Park. Heath (Vic. right-back) covers the unguarded goal, while Clarke (Vic. centre-half) is ready in the unlikely event of Czauderna dropping the ball.

Editorial

All communications re Soccer News must be sent to the Editor, V. J. M. Dixon, 42 Nelson Street, Sandringham, S.8, by first post on Monday.

The wet weather last week-end caused a few upsets all round. In Division 1 J.U.S.T. found the wet ground and the loss of Rakich (suspended for five years) a heavy handicap against Box Hill. The Hillmen are a much improved team, too. Prahran, still fighting to stay clear of the relegation zone, were able to take one point only from South Yarra at Fawkner Park. South Yarra are now on level terms with Sunshine United, who went down at home to Brighton, 5-3. The scores in this game do not give the full story, for at one time Sunshine were leading 3-0. Yallourn at home were too strong for Park Rangers, and Footscray found Juventus too big a mouthful.

The long-awaited clash at Olympic Park between the two leaders of Division 2, Hakoah and Moreland, provided a fine exhibition of wet weather football. Moreland's style of hard, long passes suited the conditions best, and they were soon three up on Hakoah. After the interval the Jewish team came back to finish 6-4 in arrears. Polonia, undeterred by conditions, continued on their winning way to be the only team in the whole of Victoria with full points and the colossal goal average of 57 for to 5 against. It is interesting to see that at last two newspapers have taken up the cudgels on behalf of Olympic Park.

The lack of facilities at this home of amateur sport in general, and in winter-time of soccer in particular, should long since have been brought to public notice. On Saturday in the rain nearly 1000 people braved the elements to see their favorites play. Most of them must have been soaked to the skin, for not one inch of stand space has been provided at No. 1 oval since the grandstand was burnt down three seasons ago. The disgraceful conditions under which players have to change, without even a hot shower, are discreditable to the fair name of Victoria.

These conditions have gone on for years. Instead of getting better they are steadily growing worse. It is time Government action was taken to rectify them.

As stated last week, the V.A.S.F.A. has appointed a Director of School Soccer. He has already commenced work with encouraging results.

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Strange Congratulations!

On Saturday, June 14, Soccer Weekly News (N.S.W.) published the following:—

OUR CONGRATULATIONS TO VICTORIA

Quote, "All N.S.W. soccer sportsmen will join with this publication in extending to our Victorian conquerors sincere congratulations upon their success in the interstate carnival conducted in Melbourne.

"There is no doubt that the Victorian team was a worthy winner, and from an Australian soccer point of view, the remarkable improvement shown in the southern State's standard of play is the best thing that has happened in the soccer code for many years. Crowds at the three days' carnival averaged 10,000 for each day, and in the first day of the Carnival its financial success was assured.

"Organiser Bill Thomas, Chairman of the Victorian Association's management council, did a grand job, and was ably supported by members of the association, which, incidentally, is one of the most progressive in Australian soccer today.

"Congratulations and thanks, Victoria; we shall hope to entertain you in N.S.W. soon."

On Saturday, June 21, they followed up with this:—

Quote, "Lots of people have been enquiring about the outcome of the incident which led to Frank Parsons being ordered off at Melbourne. For their information, I am authorised to say that the Victorian authorities have not yet forwarded a report, and until that is received, the matter cannot be discussed."

[The referee's report was sent to the Australian Association — not the N.S.W. Association (Editor).]

And this: Quote, "One prominent N.S.W. player told me that when some of the New Australian players in the Victorian side were beaten by a fair shoulder charge they did not hesitate to turn and spit upon an opponent."

[No mention has ever been made to Victorian authorities of any such happenings (Editor).]

And this: Quote, "Another prominent Queensland player rang from Brisbane to say that quite a number of the players of the Queensland team were cripples after the match v. Victoria on Saturday, June 7."

[The Queensland team was so crippled that they played one of the best games of the series next day and nearly beat N.S.W. Any complaint from a Queensland player would be made to the Queensland Association. He would hardly ring up the N.S.W. Association to report. We suggest that the Editor of N.S.W. Soccer Weekly News ring Queensland and find someone with a grouch (Editor).]

And this: Quote, "I can provide the names of the two players to whom the previous pars referred, and I have no doubt that several other N.S.W. men will substantiate their statements. The statement of a prominent Victorian official, who is reported to have taken exception to our vigorous style, is rather hard to reconcile with the foregoing facts."

[Soccer News would very much like to hear the names of the two players concerned (Editor).]

New South Wales were our guests and we have not previously made any detrimental remarks about any member of the party. We shall not

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SECRETARY'S NOTES

Telephoning Results.—Clubs in general have co-operated to the full in sending in their results each Saturday afternoon not later than 5.15 o'clock, but there are still afewclub s who are not 'phoning their results. Soccer results are now broadcast over Stations 3UZ, 3AW, 3DB and 3KZ. In addition A.A.P. receive the results at 6 p.m. and they are then sent to England.

It would therefore be appreciated if all clubs could telephone their results as early as possible to me so that our propaganda can function efficiently each Saturday.

Matches Listed 21/6/52.—Several matches were postponed on Saturday June 21, due to grounds being flooded. These matches will be arranged to be played by the Fixtures Committee as and when teams are eliminated from the Cup competitions.

League Management. — Mr. Bedrossian, of Juventus S.C., has been elected to fill the vacancy on the League management committee.

League Fixtures.—The League management has fined International Harvester S.C. and George Cross S.C. £1/1/- each, plus referee's fee, for failing to field Reserve teams on June 14 and May 31 respectively.

Maccabi v. Slavia (14/6/52) match abandoned after 65 minutes. Score, Maccabi 3 and Slavia 0, to stand..

The Slavia Club has been fined £5 and warned that the club will be suspended if any further serious incidents occur.

S. BEATON, Secretary V.A.S.F.A.

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Strange Congratulations (Contd. from page 3)

do so now. In due course the case of the player who was sent off will be heard and the official report published. Soccer News does not intend to endeavour to influence public opinion one way or the other beforehand.

We wish to make it clear that it is the opinion of this paper that there is no truth in any suggestion that the Queensland boys are complaining. I myself sat among them at the official dinner and all were loud in praise of the Victoria team. Bob Lawrie (Queensland captain) sent a letter of congratulations which we published last week. The New South Wales manager (Mr. Walker), Mr. Johnston of the N.S.W. Association and the N.S.W. team also congratulated us after the game and again later, as also did Mr. Druery and Mr. Storey of the Australian Association. Soccer News knows that the N.S.W. Association is a fine bunch of sportsmen. We feel that it is a pity that the Editor of Soccer Weekly News has spoken out of turn and we feel sure that on reflection he will agree with us that his remarks are not in the best of taste.

Soccer News wishes to make it quite clear that we are right behind the Victorian team collectively and individually. We are sure that all Victorians who saw this game will join with us in saying that the Victorian team enjoys the confidence of us all.—V. J. M. DIXON (Editor Soccer News).

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Soccer "Who's Who" —No. 15

RALPH WALKER

By ALEX BARR

Ralph Walker, Brighton's outstanding centre-half-back, hails from Oxford. Ralph at present is serving with the R.A.A.F. and previously served in the R.A.F. There is no question about his keenness as he travels from Sale each week. A stubborn defender, a hard strong tackler, and most important of all a quick brain and excellent ball control make him a terror to most centre-forwards. Ralph has had a very long career in football; starting when "knee high to a gnat" with Oxford schoolboys, he graduated to County representative when only 14 years old. At fifteen he played with Balliol Minors, which, incidentally, is a nursery for leading amateur clubs. Gaining experience, Ralph then went on to South Oxford and then to Oxford City. Whilst with the R.A.F. well-known club, Leyton Orient, secured him, but unfortunately a posting deprived them of his services. However, before very long Swindon Town signed him and for the remainder of his time in England he played with them. It is interesting to note that while playing in Oxford Ralph captained his County team on a number of occasions.

Soccer is not the only sport at which Ralph excels. He is no mean exponent of the pugilistic art. During the war Ralph won the "Wings for Britain" amateur boxing championship in the welter-weight division. He also had considerable success fighting as a middle-weight, and since coming to Australia has accounted for a few would-be "pugs." As befits a true sportsman, Ralph leaves fisticuffs for the boxing ring. However, if anyone was silly enough to antagonise him while playing soccer he would be happy to arrange a ring and two pairs of gloves. Victorian soccer has an asset in Ralph and next year will see him well to the fore when State trials begin. Brighton owe a lot of their success this season to him and hope to have his services for a long time.

Will the person who inadvertently took a shoe from the Box Hill dressing room after the Fourth Division game last week, please contact the Brighton club as soon as possible as the owner is getting chilblains.—EDITOR.

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By REX BENSON

A player in the F.A. Professional team to visit Australia in 1925 was Tom Whittaker, now one of the most successful managers in soccer, and holding the reins at Arsenal. Whittaker suffered a severe leg injury on the tour, and it finished his playing career, but as he remarked afterwards to a well-known soccer writer in Melbourne, it was the best thing that could have happened, as it gave him the chance of getting on the administrative side of the game. While out in this country, he was intrigued by the use of overhead lighting on our bowling greens and tennis courts, realising their use in the evenings. It gave him the idea of using a form of lighting for soccer, and now the Arsenal stadium is one of the best equipped in the world for flood-lit soccer.

At a cost of only £3000, 80 lamps, each of 1000 watts, were affixed to the top of the double-decker grandstands on each side of the pitch, 40 on each. There is no glare, and rain actually improves the effect: fog is the only bug-bear. Imagine watching Lindrum play billiards. Would you prefer to see him in the open under natural light, or in a dark billiard-room under table-lighting? That will give some idea of the advantages of the night game—the pitch always looking like a billiard-table, with no distractions to take one's mind off the game, such as a view of the local gas-works.

Two big matches have been played at Highbury at night, both friendlies. The first, against a visiting Jewish team, drew 45,000, and the second, against Glasgow Rangers, on a damp October night, well over 60,000. So the installation costs have been easily met.

Some overseas clubs use clusters of lights, such as at our showgrounds, but the Arsenal players, who have played under both, are assured that equally-spaced single lamps give the better effect. How long before we see it here? There do not seem to be many obstacles in the way.

Editorial (Contd. from page 2)

Reports will be welcomed from anyone who has any knowledge of schools where soccer is endeavoring to get a footing, or where there is a group of boys anxious for facilities to be provided to play soccer. Consideration will be given to each case and every assistance will be given wherever possible.

It is only by teaching soccer to school-boys that today's "boom" can be perpetuated. We cannot always depend on migrants alone to fill our ranks. Appeals will be made for assistance in various directions and it is hoped that all true lovers of soccer will come forward when a call is made and offer their services where necessary.

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HOME *and* AWAY

By REX BENSON

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THROW IT BACK!

A man was recently fined £10 in a Melbourne court for trying to souvenir an oval ball at the M.C.G. Soccer supporters, please note.

CONSULATION PRIZE

It may be a crumb of comfort to N.S.W. soccer followers to learn that Sydney regained the inter-Varsity soccer cup formerly held by Melbourne, after playing extra time in the final game.

THE INTERSTATE TROPHY

Those who were unable to get a close look at the wonderfully made interstate trophy will probably be able to see it on view at the soccer ball. Thereafter it will find safe keeping at the Amateur Sports Club.

THE VICTORS' PRIZE?

Over the holiday week-end it was easy to pick the visiting interstate players from their blazers. There were State blazers, Australian blazers, club blazers—but no Victorian blazers! Having now won the trophy, perhaps the Victorian players are wondering if they will be thus honored.

NO ACTION TAKEN

For those who are wondering how the player sent off the field in the Carnival game will be dealt with, it is of interest to note that the Scottish F.A. took no action in the case of Billy Steel, who when playing for Scotland was sent off the field in Austria by a Swiss referee.

NEWCASTLE UNITED

Newcastle United got a scare in their opening game in South Africa. Two goals down at half time to Southern Transvaal, they just scraped home to win by 3-2.

OFF-SIDE!

From the number of off-side decisions given immediately following a free-kick to the attacking side, it is obvious that some forwards have forgotten that by being **level** with a defender, that defender cannot be **between** them and the goal. The rule states that two players of the opposing side must be between the player and the goal when the ball is last played by one of his team-mates.

DO NOT TOUCH

The corner flags are an essential feature of the markings of the soccer pitch, and may not be removed for the purpose of taking a corner-kick. It can be added that the markings of some pitches in the lower leagues are deplorable. Is there such a shortage of whiting?

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England defeats Austria

By REX BENSON

Austria were firm favorites to beat England in the international match played recently at the Prater Stadium in Vienna.

The crowd saw a thrilling game. England took the lead through centre-forward Lofthouse, who hooked in a first time left-foot shot, but the lead was short-lived. Austria equalised from a penalty awarded against Froggart. Within a minute Sewell had again put England ahead, but just before half-time Austria were again on level terms.

The game see-sawed in the second half, the turning point coming when Austria were awarded a corner. Up came their attacking centre-half, but the corner kick was well intercepted by Merrick, the England keeper. He leaped high above the other players in the goalmouth. His clearance went straight up field to Lofthouse, who ran through to score the winning goal, being injured in the process.

The stadium holds only 60,000, and to ensure that only real football fans saw the game, the authorities refused to sell single tickets. Only books of tickets covering all the season's big games were on sale.

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WOT — NO FUN?

Strict training still seems the rule with English touring clubs. Cocktail parties, even if they be official functions, are "out," said the manager of Newcastle United at Durban last week.

WHO STARTED THE FASHION?

Prahran claims to be the Victorian club that initiated an interstate visit. They played in Sydney in 1947 during the King's Birthday holiday, losing to Woonona-Bulli and Leichhardt-Annandale. Stalwarts at the time were Ronnie Taylor, Ken Honey, Jock Baxter, Wally Bates, Bill Stewart and of course, Alec Kerr.

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Why not a Country Week-end?

By V. J. M. DIXON

With the affiliation of no fewer than five country associations to the V.A.S.F.A., more serious thought must be given to the growth of the game in country areas. In the last 18 months affiliations have been accepted from the Latrobe Valley Association (Morwell-Yallourn area), Peninsula Association (Frankston to Rosebud area), Northern Victoria Association (Benalla-Shepparton area), Border District Association (Wodonga-Albury-Kiewa area) and lately from the Ballarat Association. Clubs in these associations now total 25 and they and their players are entitled to all the rights of membership of the V.A.S.F.A. Distance is a great handicap to the chance of recognition of a player's ability by the central authority. The opportunity to demonstrate that ability to the State selectors and the Victorian public generally is eagerly awaited by country officials and players alike.

As the season draws on, serious thought must be given to this problem and no better way of allowing country players full scope can be suggested than that of bringing representative teams from each association to play in Melbourne against each other. This could be accomplished at the end of the season by playing all associations against each other on Saturdaly and Sunday (possibly with half an hour each way) or else by playing off two adjacent associations in the country the week before and bringing four teams to Melbourne to play a round on Saturday with the two finalists to play off on Sunday.

Such a competition would not only be of great interest to local fans, as something new, but would undoubtedly bring a large following to Melbourne from the country to see not only the country competition, but also a local game could be staged on the same day as the final.

Alternatively, a representative team could be chosen from all country associations to play against a metropolitan side, and club or association teams could travel to country centres for propaganda tours. Whichever way it is worked, however, it is time that these country enthusiasts came in closer contact with big soccer.

Our admiration must go out to these enthusiasts who have made it possible for soccer lovers to play their game—no matter how limited their numbers. Anyone who has started a new club knows the amount of hard work and heartbreaks that this entails, but not many of us have had the actual experience of starting an entirely new association. That really is a man-size job.

So let us do something to prove our gratitude and esteem to these pioneers, and what better than to put on a country week-end competition?

The F.A. Cup Trophy comes South

Mr. Sid Storey (President of the A.S.F.A.) (obscured) presents the trophy to Mr. Paul (Manager of the Victorian team). In the foreground, left to right, are Mr. R. Druery, Secretary A.S.F.A., and Mr. Thomas, Chairman V.A.S.F.A. Facing the camera is Mr. E. B. Coles, President of the V.A.S.F.A.

Around the Clubs

COBURG

The seniors lost to George Cross, 2-1. In my opinion all games should have been postponed. The senior game at George Cross should never have been played, with Coburg receiving the worst end of the stick. Nothing can be said of the game, but that there were many easy goals missed by Coburg. Coburg's goal was got by K.Cox and the best players were Delany, Nemeth, and Palmer.

Reserves had a w.o. from George Cross, the visiting team not turning up.

Juniors.—Under 17 beat Sunshine City, 5-2; Under 14 "A" beat Sunshine City, 5-0; Under 14 "B" w.o. to Moorabbin.

HAKOAH

A large crowd, in spite of adverse weather, were treated to a hard and fast game at Olympic Park. Moreland adapted themselves to the heavy and waterlogged conditions quickly, and with long kicks into the open spaces were 4-1 at half-time. Hakoah had tried to apply dry weather methods. In the second half Hakoah changed to the longer game and with better luck would have got much closer than the 2 goal deficit. Right-half "Izzy" Peters revived old cartilage trouble before half-time, and changed with right-back Lester shortly after resumption to lift Hakoah's midfield play. It was unfortunate that a good game was marred by the referee's constant mistakes. Final scores were Moreland 6-4.

MORELAND

On Olympic Park, which might have vied with Olympic Pool for swimming facilities, Moreland defeated Hakoah, 6-4, last Saturday. During the first half we adopted a long passing game which quickly paid dividends, and then proceeded to "rest on our oars," a situation Hakoah took advantage of. R. Wemyss was Moreland's outstanding "swimmer," and seemed to revel in the mud. Congratulations to the Hakoah and Moreland teams for turning on such a good display. Having scored 82 goals to date, our forwards are straining for the century mark, and on present form should do so before the season ends. Anyone requiring tickets for the V.A.S.F.A. annual ball should contact Fred Brooks. —BROWN AND GOLD.

SANDRINGHAM

Loss of three star players has weakened the First team, but it's no good crying about it. After months of waiting we have finally got a light in the pavilion and the windows replaced. To help keep our position on the ladder, players are reminded that training is every Wednesday night at 8 o'clock and that there is a ball at the ground on Sunday mornings, so please attend.

Supporters are reminded that tickets are now available from the social secretaries for "Seagulls Over Sorrento" for July 10.—T. FRAZER.

VICTORIA POLICE

The Police played a hard game at Maribyrnong on Saturday. Opportunities were lost by our forwards, owing to the greasy conditions. Goalkeeper Bruce and left-back Day played splendid games, but after 20 minutes' play in the second half Maribyrnong scored a beautiful goal, the only one for the match.

An unfortunate incident created a stir when the referee in the second half ordered the Maribyrnong club secretary to remove one of the club's

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New Australian supporters from the ground. It is a pity such incidents occur, but all agreed the referee acted competently, and the game was quite fair.

All the players left the ground looking like the original "nigger minstrels." — P. BENNETT.

SOUTH YARRA

Yarra lost a much-needed point to Prahran at Fawkner Park. The ball control by both sides was good for the muddy state of the ground. Neither side scored in the first half, although some near misses kept the crowd on their toes. Campbell, as usual, played a sterling game between the sticks, and was ably assisted by the rest of the defence. Just after half-time Gregg, who had come up from the Reserves, opened the account for South Yarra. Prahran surged away and pinned Yarra in their own half with repeated assaults. Ewering got the equaliser for Prahran. Both sides struggled hard to get the winning ogal.

ULSTERVILLE

In a very clean and closely contested game against Moorabbin, Ulsterville were most unfortunate, but should have at least earned a point. The referee played the game six minutes short in the second half. Result: Moorabbin, 2 goals; Ulsterville, 1 goal.

The ladies' committee, under the direction of Mrs. McBride and Miss E. Birchell, held a successful combined social evening under the auspices of the Ulster Social Club. All soccerites and friends are asked to come along to Room No. 11, Savoy Theatre every Saturday night at 8, and have a bit of enjoyment.—"RED HAND."

UPPER YARRA DAM

On Sunday the Victoria Police Club entertained the Upper Murray Dam Project Soccer Club, who arrived at Police headquarters with a bus load of supporters. After a very good and keen match on the Police ground, where U.Y. Dam won, 6-2, the visiting team and supporters adjourned to Police headquarters for refreshments before returning. All hands enjoyed the game and the teams hope to meet again in the future.

YALLOURN

A sounder defence and more opportune forward line gave Yallourn victory over Park Rangers.

SEE THE GAMES OF THE WEEK

AT OLYMPIC PARK

Sunday, June 29 — World Cup Matches

IRELAND v. GREECE — at 2.15 p.m.

JUGOSLAVIA v. ISRAEL — at 3.30 p.m.

Saturday, July 5—No. 1 Oval

JUVENTUS v. BOX HILL

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Burgess with a good pass found Watford, who cleverly beat two defenders to give Clarke his chance to score with a left foot drive. Not long after an Elinger corner was converted by Watford with a good header. Half-time, Yallourn 2, Park Rangers 0.

Mulcahy worked well to score for Park Rangers. Yallourn retaliated and Bell sent Elinger goalward where his shot was fumbled by Murray. Final score: Yallourn 3, Park Rangers 1.

The Reserves scored their best win to date, beating Park Rangers 3-1

Remember next Saturday undefeated J.U.S.T. side visits Yallourn. —S. OSTLUND.

WORLD CUP MATCHES

SUNDAY, JUNE 29

Ireland v. Greece at Olympic Park, 2.15 p.m.
Jugoslavia v. Israel at Olympic Park, 3.30 p.m.
Malta v. Italy at Royal Park, 2.30 p.m.
Scotland v. Czechoslovakia at Park Rangers' Ground, Middle Park 2.30 p.m.

Ireland v. Greece, Olympic Park. Kick-off 2.15 p.m. The following Irish players are requested to attend at Olympic Park next Sunday, June 29, at 2 o'clock sharp:—Finlay, Brown, Managh, Harvey, Mullen, Andrews (Ulsterville); Watts, Bryan, Cranley (Coburg); Watson (Footscray); Mulcahy (Park Rangers). If any Irish player not mentioned would like a game, will he contact Mr. Finlay or Mr. Mulcahy on the ground not later than 2 o'clock.—GREEN SHIRT.

The Season's Prize Howler

"Soccer Mail" (Western Australia), which we are glad to say has been revived by Messrs. Alex. Macrae and Norm Dixon, contained the following extract in its issue of June 14 (the week after the Interstate Carnival):—

"New South Wales won the Interstate Carnival conducted in Victoria last week-end. Will N.S.W. send that select team to Perth?"

Now, we know Western Australia is a long way away and we know that strikes have held up the "Pony Express" and that the hawks on the Nullarbor Plain have played havoc with the Carrier Pigeon service, but at least they might have waited until Cobb & Co.'s coach got in with Victoria's Soccer News. Here we've waited 27 years to bring that piece of ironmongery south and when we do so all Western Australia soccer gets told is that N.S.W. won it. Alex. and Norm., how could you do it to us

Latrobe Valley Association

Terrific weather has upset the competition. At a recent meeting two protests were upheld and League tables will be adjusted shortly.

MORWELL

Mr. W. Douglas has resigned the secretaryship and his successor is Mr. Frank McIver, 3 Auchterlonie Street, Morwell East P.O.

On Saturday last Morwell defeated Yallourn by 3 goals to nil.

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Peninsula Soccer Association

Results of P.S.A. matches are as follows: Rosebud (home team) beat Mornington, 4-0; Apprentices "A" v. Apprentices "B" match was cancelled owing to passing out ceremony at Balcombe camp; Frankston v. Signals, a draw, 2 each.

MORNINGTON

Mornington v. Rosebud

Mornington met Rosebud on Rosebud's home ground. It was wet and showery and unpleasant. No goals were scored by either side for about a half-hour. Mornington's goalie ran out to take the ball, but one of Rosebud's forwards beat him to it, and lifted it over the goalie's head and into the net for first goal to Rosebud.

In the second half a penalty was awarded to Rosebud. The penalty shot was saved by Cox, but in a scuffle in the goal-mouth, in it went for two for Rosebud. From then until the end of the game Mornington seemed to collapse.

Mornington were beaten by a good team. Good luck to you Rosebud, I think the player for Mornington who deserves all the praise is Dennis Cox, the goalkeeper. His ability to get his hands on that ball was absolutely tops. This is his first season in soccer.—V. E. LOCKWOOD.

FRANKSTON

Last Saturday Frankston and School of Signals in the return match drew, 2 each. It was a good game, and the few spectators were treated to thrills as each side took turns to attack. Both teams made light of the poor weather.

The Army scored 10 minutes after play began when inside-right with only the goalie to beat, made no mistake from close in. Frankston evened scores 15 minutes later with B. Smith, centre-forward. Ten minutes before the interval P. Van Zwol put Frankston in the lead. Then Army had a player injured and he was off for the rest of the game. In the second half Army kept Frankston on the defensive for most of the term and equalised score with 15 minutes to go.

Border District Association

ALBURY CITY v. BANDIANA

On a pitch that was very water-logged Albury City turned on good football, considering the conditions, to beat Bandiana, 4-0.

Albury's forward line rattled on 3 goals, one each by Mek (penalty), Parang and Danavoro. Half-way through the second half Radulovic added the 4th goal for Albury.

Bandiana's defence played a sterling game. Richards (best afield), Woolfood and Oustrate stopped the score from being any more.

On their performance the last two weeks, Albury City will not disgrace themselves when they travel to Melbourne for the Dockerty Cup.

Border District Association

(As at June 21, 1952)

Albury City	8	6	2	0	25	5	14
Kiewa Whites	8	4	1	3	23	22	9
Wodonga	7	3	2	2	16	10	8
Bandiana	7	3	0	4	12	19	6
Kiewa Reds	8	0	1	7	9	29	1

Peninsula Association

(As at June 21, 1952)

Apprentices "A"	6	6	0	0	31	9	12
Rosebud	9	5	0	4	44	25	10
Mornington	6	4	0	2	37	10	8
Frankston	8	3	1	4	29	25	7
Army Signals	2	0	1	1	6	7	1
Apprentices "B"	7	0	0	7	8	74	0

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Northern Victoria Association

Benalla Golds still hold top place in the League table, but no team in the competition is unbeaten. Dookie College has slipped from second place to the bottom, having lost the last two games. Shepparton United are chasing the leaders hard—only one point behind—but the goal average, 23 for to eight against, is the fine one held by the Golds.

Under atrocious weather conditions, Shepparton Rovers and Dookie College gave the small crowd at Victory Park a brilliant display of "wet weather" soccer. Each side scored once before half-time. During the second half, Pratt and Kelly scored opportunist goals to clinch victory for the College. Scorers, Shepparton (Semi) and Dookie (Kelly, Pratt (2)).

Armstrong, Pratt, Kelly and B. Horniblow were outstanding for Dookie, and Semi was brilliant at pivot for Shepparton. Dookie College missed two penalties.

A word of advice to penalty kickers on a water-logged ground — hit the ball hard with the toe — the reason being that the heavy ball will have added velocity and will not rise sufficiently to clear the bar.—GEO. E. FOSTER.

Junior Association Notes

Inter-Association Contests.—The first week in September has been set aside for the annual inter-association Cup contests between the Under 14 and Under 17 teams of the Victorian Junior Association and the Central Gippsland Junior Association. The matches this year are to be played at Yallourn.

Transfer.—Player J. Armstrong (Sunshine United) has been transferred to Sunshine City.

Points Awarded.—Frankston granted points against Preston Under 17 team, June 14. Coburg "B" awarded points against South Melbourne United "B" Under 14 team, May 31. Coburg "A" awarded points against Brighton Under 14 team, May 17.

Essendon.—The Junior Association has arranged a meeting at Essendon to form an Essendon club. Mr. J. Parker (chairman), Mr. A. Scott (deputy chairman), and Mr. J. Olsen (secretary), of the Junior Association, will be in attendance.

Coburg Schoolboys.—Most notable incident in the Junior Association competitions last Saturday was the defeat of the top team, Sunshine City in the Under 14 section, by 5 goals to 2. This places Coburg now two clear points ahead of Sunshine City at the top of the ladder.

J. A. OLSEN, Hon. Secretray.

DEFENSIVE ERRORS FATAL

Lack of understanding between full-backs and keeper cost South Melbourne Juniors a share of the points in their home game with Box Hill. While the three defenders hesitated with the ball near the goal line a Box Hill forward nipped in to hit the ball into the net for which proved to be

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the winning goal. There was no better half-back on the field than Hayes, South's centre-half. His coolness in dangerous attacks bordered on impudence. Box Hill's outside-left, Bedford, was outstanding and proved to be the match winner. Congratulations to both teams for an excellent game. The game ended Box Hill, 3; South Melbourne, 2.

BRIGHTON UNDER 17's

In continuous rain Preston, kicking with the wind and down hill, scored first. Brighton's outside-left, J. Rozen, equalled the score soon afterwards. Fighting hard, Preston again went to the front. After half-time, Brighton kicking down hill attacked. Spectacular saves were made by Preston's goalkeeper. Sliding tackles played a big part in both sides' defence — I wonder why? Outstanding players were: O. Sonnleightner, D. Lee and B. Fleiner (1 goal). Final score, 2-2, the first point dropped this year. Thanks for an interesting game Preston.—D. HAWKINS.

PRAHRAN JUNIORS

In spite of a rain-soaked ground and seas of mud in the goal areas the standard of play of Prahran and South Melbourne teams was encouraging. Boratojs, our new goalie, has confidence and clever anticipation. At inside-left Wallace found the opposition a match to his usual twisty footwork. He opened Prahran's scoring and our team led at half-time. Ross, inside-right, put in a keen drive but it was just too high. Prahran won, 2-1. —S. B. OWEN.

JUNIOR LEAGUE TABLES AS AT JUNE 21, 1952

Under 19 Division

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Brighton	11	9	2	0	43	5	20
Juventus	11	9	1	1	33	4	19
Box Hill	11	7	1	3	29	13	15
Northcote	10	5	0	5	11	21	10
Sth. Melb. United	11	4	1	6	23	16	9
Moorabbin City	11	4	0	7	15	28	8
Sandringham City	9	2	2	5	12	16	6
Preston	10	2	1	7	9	27	5
Maccabi	10	1	0	9	7	52	2

Under 17 Division

Brighton "A"	10	9	1	0	49	9	19
Sunshine City	10	6	2	2	34	15	14
Sunshine United	9	6	1	2	38	12	13
South Melb. United	10	5	2	3	22	16	12
Poloola	9	5	1	3	21	9	11
Hakoah	10	5	1	4	22	13	11
Coburg	10	5	0	5	35	15	10
Brighton "B"	10	4	0	6	21	38	8
Sandringham City	9	3	0	6	10	40	6
Preston	9	2	1	6	5	27	5
Box Hill	10	1	2	7	6	34	4
Frankston	10	1	1	8	5	40	3

Under 15 Division

Brighton "A"	12	12	0	0	50	4	24
Sth. Melb. United	12	8	2	2	36	6	18
Sunshine City	11	8	1	2	67	9	17
Northcote	12	7	3	2	34	19	17
Moorabbin City	12	4	3	5	28	28	11
Prahran	11	8	0	3	53	7	10
Box Hill	12	4	1	7	11	44	9
Sunshine United	12	4	0	8	31	28	8
Sandringham City	11	3	2	6	21	25	8
Preston	11	2	1	8	12	34	5
Park Rangers	12	2	1	9	8	51	5
Brighton "B"	12	1	0	11	1	97	2

Under 14 Division

Coburg "A"	11	10	0	1	65	7	20
Sunshine City	11	9	0	2	95	8	18
Brighton	10	7	0	3	74	6	14
Sth. Melb. Utd. "A"	11	6	0	5	58	26	12
Box Hill "A"	10	5	1	4	42	22	11
Moorabbin City "A"	10	4	1	5	30	55	9
Coburg "B"	10	3	0	7	6	73	6
Box Hill "B"	10	1	1	8	12	107	3
Moorabbin City "B"	2	0	1	1	1	15	1
Sth. Melb. Utd. "B"	9	0	0	9	5	69	0

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LEAGUE TABLES AS AT JUNE 21, 1952

FIRST DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Juventus	11	9	2	0	40	10	20
Brighton	12	8	3	1	40	22	19
J.U.S.T.	11	7	4	0	41	15	18
Box Hill	12	5	2	5	33	29	12
Park Rangers	12	5	2	5	19	21	12
Yallourn	12	5	1	6	26	29	11
Prahran	12	3	3	6	24	39	9
South Yarra	12	1	4	7	15	32	6
Sunshine United	12	2	2	8	17	35	6
Footscray City	12	1	3	8	16	39	5

Second Division

Moreland	12	11	0	1	82	17	22
Melbourne Hakoah	12	10	0	2	64	20	20
Preston	12	6	1	5	26	22	13
South Melbourne	12	6	0	6	33	30	12
Sandringham City	12	5	2	5	34	31	12
Inter. Harvester	12	5	1	6	18	38	11
George Cross	12	5	0	7	18	42	10
F.N.D.	12	3	2	7	16	43	8
Sunshine City	12	2	2	8	21	37	6
Coburg United	12	3	0	9	19	51	6

Third Division

Polonia	12	12	0	0	57	5	24
Moorabbin City	12	7	2	3	27	14	16
Fairfield	11	7	0	4	36	21	14
Ulsterville	11	6	1	4	33	15	13
White Eagles	10	5	3	2	23	22	13
Williamstown	12	5	2	5	18	22	12
University	11	2	3	6	22	37	7
Royal Caledonians	11	2	1	8	17	47	5
Woodlands	11	2	0	9	7	28	4
Olympic	11	1	2	8	12	41	4

Matches off, 21/6/52: Caledonians v. Fairfield,- University v. White Eagles, Olympic v. Woodlands.

Fourth Division

Maccabi	10	9	0	1	50	11	18
Dandenong Rovers	11	7	1	3	42	20	15
Apollo	10	7	1	2	30	22	15
Maribyrnong	11	7	1	3	34	25	15
Frankston	10	7	0	3	50	13	14
Slavia	10	7	0	3	28	17	14
Ringwood	11	3	1	7	20	28	7
Victoria Police	11	2	2	7	15	36	6
R.A.A.F.	10	2	1	7	14	41	5
Union Jack	11	2	0	9	14	57	4
Heidelberg	11	1	1	9	10	37	3

Match off, 21/6/52: Apollo v. Maccabi.

Reserve League Tables as at June 21, 1952

First Division

Juventus	12	9	2	1	44	20	20
Park Rangers	12	8	2	2	55	15	18
Brighton	12	8	1	3	61	19	17
Box Hill	11	6	2	3	41	17	14
Yallourn	12	6	2	4	36	25	14
Prahran	12	5	2	5	23	38	12
South Yarra	11	3	3	5	25	28	9
Footscray City	12	4	0	8	19	36	8
Sunshine United	11	2	0	9	15	55	4
J.U.S.T.	11	0	0	11	4	70	0

J.U.S.T. v. Box Hill match postponed.

Second Division

Moreland	11	10	1	0	48	6	21
Hakoah	11	9	1	1	42	8	19
South Melbourne	12	7	1	4	35	18	15
F.N.D.	12	6	2	4	15	15	14
Preston	12	5	2	5	17	13	12
Sunshine City	12	4	2	6	29	28	10
George Cross	11	4	2	4	22	37	10
Inter. Harvester	12	3	3	6	17	27	9
Sandringham City	12	1	1	10	13	37	3
Coburg	11	1	1	9	8	40	3

Coburg v. George Cross, result not telephoned.

Hakoah v. Moreland, postponed.

Third Division

Polonia	11	9	1	1	54	9	19
Slovakia	12	8	3	1	53	11	19
Maribyrnong	10	7	1	2	45	18	15
Ulsterville	12	5	2	5	17	25	12
Moorabbin City	12	4	2	6	30	38	10
Fairfield	11	1	4	6	15	42	6
Williamstown	11	2	1	8	14	44	5
University	11	1	2	8	5	46	4

Polonia v. University, postponed.

Fourth Division

Box Hill	12	11	0	1	29	13	22
Brighton	11	10	0	1	28	9	20
Park Rangers	11	6	0	5	33	20	12
South Yarra	11	5	0	6	33	27	10
Ringwood	10	4	0	6	6	27	8
Heidelberg	10	2	0	8	12	49	4
R.A.A.F.	7	1	0	6	12	7	2

R.A.A.F v. Park Rangers, postponed.

The League management has awarded the following points:—

Second Division Reserves, 14/6/52.—Preston v. Inter. Harvester. Points to Preston.

Second Division Reserves, 14/6/52.—F.N.D. v. George Cross. Points to F.N.D.

Fourth Division Reserves, 10/5/52.—Box Hill v. Sunshine United. Points to Box Hill.

Fourth Division Reserves, 17/5/52.—Ringwood v. R.A.A.F. Points to Ringwood.

Fourth Division Reserves, 31/5/52.—Box Hill v. R.A.A.F. Points to Box Hill.

Latrobe Valley

(As at May 31, 1952)

Morwell	4	3	0	1	15	5	6
O.C.C. "A"	4	3	0	1	10	7	6
A.P.M.	4	2	0	2	9	9	4
O.C.C. "B"	4	2	0	2	11	9	4
Yallourn	4	1	0	3	9	13	2
R.A.A.F. (Sale)	4	1	0	3	9	15	2

Northern Victoria

Benalla Golds	7	5	0	2	27	11	10
Shepparton Utd.	7	3	1	3	19	19	7
Dookie College	7	3	0	4	19	25	6
Shepparton Rovers	7	2	1	4	6	16	5

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